Status of grain banks scheme in Andhra Pradesh

2334. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will of Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of present status of Central Scheme of grain banks in tribal areas in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): A Central Sector Scheme for setting up of village grain banks in tribal villages was launched in 1996-97 in selected areas out of the areas identified by Central Planning Committee (CPC) as a preventive measure against death of tribal people by providing a safeguard against fall in nutritional standards. The scheme provides that villagers in identified areas can form a committee and set up grain banks in villages. This Ministry provides one time 100 per cent grant for setting up grain banks @ 100 kg. of locally consumed foodgrains per family. The members can borrow from this bank in time of need and repay in time after harvest and getting income as wages. Under the scheme, funds are released to the State Governments through Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED). The CPC has identified 56 blocks in 6 districts of Andhra Pradesh. However, the list is indicative and the State Government can select villages'blocks outside these areas, if considered necessary.

Under the scheme the details of the funds released to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount Released	No. of Grain Banks to be Established	No. of Established Grain Banks
1996-97	12.16	19	19
1997-98	13.44	21	21
2000-01	11.66	45	Report & Utilization awaited